

# Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

June 28 – June 29, 2017

## Meeting Agenda

University of Maryland Wye Research & Education Center  
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Queenstown, MD 21658

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## June 28<sup>th</sup> 11:00AM-2:00PM

- 11:00 **Welcome, introductions, roll-call, review meeting minutes** Workgroup Chairs
- Roll-call of the governance body
  - Roll-call of the meeting participants
  - Approval of meeting minutes from the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 11:10 **Agriculture Workgroup Coordinator** Mark Dubin
- Mark Dubin, UMD, will introduce the new Agricultural Technical Workgroup Coordinator, a new UMD Faculty Assistant position that will be assuming the duties of coordinating the workgroup and its associated BMP panels.
- 11:20 **BMP Expert Panel Updates** Clint Gill, Tim Sexton
- Chairs and coordinators of on-going AgWG BMP Expert Panels will provide updates on their work. Clint Gill, DDA, will provide an update on the Agricultural Ditch Management Panel, and Tim Sexton, VA DCR, will provide an update on the Cropland Irrigation Panel.
- 12:00 **Break for lunch**
- 12:45 **Future AgWG BMP Panels** Mark Dubin
- Mark Dubin, UMD, will discuss the potential for additional BMP expert panels under the AgWG. Included will be a proposal to form an expert panel establishment group (EPEG) for a mortality management BMP panel.

**Decision:** The AgWG will be asked to approve the formation of an EPEG for a mortality management BMP panel and seek nominations for EPEG members.

- 01:00 **Roadside Ditch Management** Tom Schueler/Mark Dubin  
Tom Schueler, Urban Stormwater Workgroup Coordinator, and Mark Dubin, UMD, will present a draft briefing paper on a proposal to define and credit roadside ditch management practices for the reduction of nutrients and sediment. The draft paper is the product of a special exploratory panel which was formed following a STAC sponsored workshop in 2016. The AgWG will be asked to provide input on the draft document so that the exploratory panel may receive comments in preparation for developing a final report for partnership review and decision.
- 01:25 **BMP Quick Reference Guide** Jeremy Hanson  
Jeremy Hanson, VT, will present an update on the development of a BMP guidance and information document intended for general audiences.
- 01:40 **Exploring Land-based Strategies to Address Conowingo Infill Phosphorus and Sediment Increases** Bruce Michael  
Bruce Michael, MD-DNR, will brief the workgroup on the first of a three-phase approach that will explore opportunities for land-based practices to reduce phosphorus and sediment as a result of the Conowingo Reservoir being at full capacity. This work is being performed through the Modeling Workgroup and the CBPO Modeling Team. The results from a preliminary scenario analysis are now available for partnership review and input on the BMP implementation levels represented in the scenario.
- 02:00 **Break**
- 02:15 **Delmarva Agricultural Field Tour** All  
The workgroup will participate in an afternoon Delmarva field tour on agricultural practices related to current and proposed BMP Panels.
- 05:00 **Adjourn** All  
The Delmarva Field Tour participants will return to the Wye Research and Education Center.
- 06:00 **Evening Social** All  
The workgroup members are invited to participate in an evening dinner and social at a nearby restaurant overlooking the waterfront.

June 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM-3:00PM

- 09:00 **Welcome, introductions, roll-call, review meeting minutes** Workgroup Chairs  
  - Roll-call of the governance body
  - Roll-call of the meeting participants
- 09:10 **Phase 6 E3 and No Action Scenarios** J. Sweeney and Mark Dubin  
Jeff Sweeney, EPA, and Mark Dubin, UMD, will present to the workgroup recommendations on a revised draft of the Phase 6 No Action and E3 scenarios for agriculture. The AgWG will be asked

to review revisions to the draft Phase 6 No Action and E3 scenarios and contribute suggestions at the meeting and over the summer.

- 09:50 **Proposed Agricultural Stormwater BMP Panel Follow-Up** All  
The AgWG will continue its discussions of implementing the draft EPEG report to form a BMP panel for agricultural stormwater management practices.
- 10:20 **Agriculture Modeling Subcommittee Update** Curt Dell, Matt Johnston  
Curt Dell, USDA, and Matt Johnston, UMD, will update the workgroup on the work of the AMS in regards to the Phase 6 model fatal flaw review and the review of model inputs.  
**Decision:** The AgWG will be asked to approve the Phase 6 model input review recommendations from the AMS.
- 10:20 **Phase 6 Scenario Builder Documentation** Matt Johnston  
As a follow-up the Phase 6 Model Inputs Webinar held on May 25, 2017, Matt Johnston, UMD, will lead a question/answer session with the workgroup on the Phase 6 model inputs documentation.
- 10:50 **Phase 6 Fatal Flaw Discussion** All  
The workgroup will hold an open discussion on the Phase 6 model fatal flaw review, and will identify and resolve issues as needed. This discussion will include:
1. Review of process for submitting comments.
  2. Summary of comments received.
  3. Round Robin - each signatory will be asked to provide their input on the model review.
  4. General membership discussion on the model review.
- 12:00 **Break for Lunch**
- 01:00 **Phase 6 Fatal Flaw Discussion (continued)** All
- 02:45 **Announcements**
- 02:50 **Review of Action and Decision Items** Lindsey Gordon  
Lindsey will review the action and decision items from the meeting.
- 03:00 **Adjourn**